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Prof. Asa Gray,

Spic: We have your favor of 3^d inst. & reply: We expected design of cover ere this, but will send it as soon as made. We shall be glad to receive the copies of Genera spoken of, & will endeavor to sell them, as well as the Flora. As to copyright on the Young People's History, we are entirely satisfied to leave it according to the terms of yr letter, viz. 10% on retail price, with understanding that the contract is open to reconsideration, ~~in case of~~ if the proposed copyright appears too great for the best good of the book. We doubt not, if it shall prove burdensome, it may be easily modified so as to suit all interests in the matter. We are desirous that you shall realize as large a profit as the due extension of the book will permit; more than this wd be injurious to you as well as to us. We are expecting the printed sheets every day, and are very anxious to have it out. We have a large call for specimen copies.

We had intended to send you before this, the amt of yr bill: but for a few days ahead we happen to have considerable to carry off hand, the delay of a few days shall give you any inconvenience or embarrassment, please call for it at once, it will be forthcoming.

Very Truly Yours

Simon S. Skinner

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